REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 13, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed on January 28, 2009, which have been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 and 19 remain in this application, where claim 21 has been currently added, claims 17-18 and 20 had been previously canceled, and claim 16 has been currently canceled and its features included in independent claims 1 and 9.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,658,325 (Zweig) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0081937 (Yamada). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-16, 19 and 21 are patentable over Zweig and Yamada for at least the following reasons.

On page 12, first full paragraph of the Final Office Action,

it is alleged that paragraph [0314] of Yamada discloses or suggests "wherein the rendering device is a television and the multi-dimensional robotic web browser is configured to produce behaviors and interactions based on a story line of the content, and wherein the content is a television show," as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 9.

It is respectfully submitted that paragraph [0314] of Yamada merely discloses receiving an email with a sound file, where text in the email is converted to an image and displayed on the display 71 of the Yamada robot, along with the name of the email sender. The text may also be read aloud. The last few sentences of paragraph [0314] recite:

Further, the control unit 60 controls the motors 205 and 206 based on the operational control information and makes the robot perform operations corresponding to the message. The control of the action operation may also be performed pursuant to the control code stored beforehand in the ROM of the robot, or by the sender designating a control program formed from a series of control codes. Moreover, the sender may program, to his/her liking, the series of movements of the robot by assembling control codes corresponding to the individual operations.

A careful reading of paragraph [0314] of Yamada indicates that

there is no disclosure or suggestion in paragraph [0314] of producing any behaviors and interactions based on a story line of the content, let alone any disclosure or suggestion that the rendering device is a television and the content is a television show, as recited in independent claims 1 and 9. Zweig is cited to allegedly show other features and does not remedy the deficiencies in Yamada.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 9 are allowable. In additions, claims 2-8, 10-15, 19 and 21 are also allowable at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 9.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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